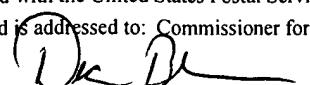


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In the application of:

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response expired on April 28, 2003. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to this Office Action is filed herewith extending the period for response to July 28, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16, and 30-39 are pending and were rejected in the Office Action.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.